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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shaher A. Ahmad  
Serial No.: 10/645,739  
Filing Date: August 21, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
Confirmation No.: 9156  
Examiner: James L. Swiger III  
Title: **BONE ANCHOR SYSTEM**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action transmitted April 21, 2008 (the "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments set forth below.

DO NOT ENTER: /JLS/

/James L. Swiger/ 08/04/2008